The first time I saw him.

He was wearing dirty clothes and had injuries everywhere.

He was sprawled out like he was tired.

And to check on the unmoving kid's condition, I pulled off the hood

to find a boy with pale skin and golden hair

TRACE

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CHAPTER 03

OH... OKAY, OKAY- I UNDERSTAND.

SO YOU'RE A RUNAWAY!?

FLOATING ACCORDING TO THE TONE. WHY DID YOU DO THAT

YOU'RE YOUNG, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A FIGHTER

WELL, I ALSO RAN AWAY FROM THE PLACE I USED TO

AND I'M HERE! GREETS!

SIGH

TO

HUH!

WHOA... AMAZE...

HE LOOKS INTO AROUND A WEEK OR MORE! HOW GOOD! WELL... SURVIVE HE USED EXPRESSIONS TOO! WHERE HE HAD HIDE SAI..

WHAT...

HUH..?

SOMETHING ABOUT HIM...

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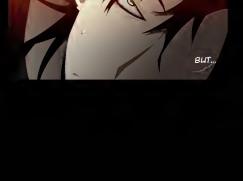
SEEMS SO FAMILIAR AND NOSTALGIC...



WHAT DO I DO WITH HIM..

MAY CROSSING

FLUTTER

In the end, I brought him with me.
I WASHED HIS DIRTY CLOTHES
FOR NOW, I ASSESS I NEED TO WAIT UNTIL HE WAKES UP

THE PROBLEM IS THIS!

IT'S THE NECKLACE HE WAS WEARING...
THINK BUDDING IS IT SELLS?
AHEMM...
I CAN ONLY PAY THE DOCTOR ONLY WITH THE MONEY I'VE HAVE
I'LL TRY TO PERSUADE HIM TO SELL IT
HE'S ON SPAIN A COUPLE OF YEARS! HMMM! WORDS!!!

AHHHHH
!

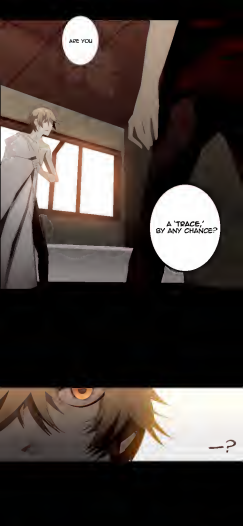
SLAM!
WHAT...WHAT IS IT!
WHAT'S WRONG...!

SMACK
IS IT YOU!!!
YOU PERVERT!

WHAT...
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME WHILE I WAS UNCONSCIOUS!
GIVE ME MY CLOTHES!

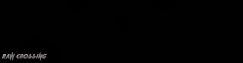
WAIT...WAIT! YOU'RE MISUNDERSTANDING!
KYAAHK!
BAM
-1
I SEW YOUR CLOTHES OFF BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD ON YOUR HOODIE...
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER! YOU PERVERT!

BECAUSE I'M GOING INSTEAD, DON'T LOOK LIKE I'M EASY...
YOU ASS. I SAVED YOUR LIFE
YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL
I SHOULD HAVE CALLED THE POLICE AND HAD YOU TAKEN AWAY BUT I WANTED TO HEAR YOUR SIDE, AND NOW YOU CALL ME AWAY?
PER*VERT*?!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE THROUGH TO BRING YOU HERE?
HUH?
IT'S NOT MINE...
IT'S NOT MINE!
MY...
MY NECKLACE!
I DEFINITELY HAD IT ON BEFORE!?
WHERE'S MY NECKLACE...
YOU MUST HAVE TAKEN IT WHEN YOU TOOK MY CLOTHES!
GIVE ME MY NECKLACE!
YOU FOUR LITTLE EYES
YOU ACCUSE THE PERSON WHO SAVED YOUR LIFE BY FIRST CALLING THEM A PERVERT AND THEN A THIEF?!
TSK!
FLINGS
SHEESH. WHY DID I BRING THAT KID HERE?
I DON'T HAVE WHO ELSE I WISH TO PAY BIG BUCKS TOO...
WHATEVER. LET ME LOOK ANY YOU DONE THING



AFTERWARDS WHEN I WENT TO ASK THEM ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED NEITHER OF THEM COULD REMEMBER
I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS WEIRD SO I TRIED TO THINK OF A PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION

AND REALIZED THAT IF THIS IS A "TRACE" POWER, IT COULD BE THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE "TRACE" TO ERASE ANOTHER'S MEMORY
—ANOTHER 'S?


THINK YOU ARE ONE TOO, HUH
SO THIS PLACE COULD PROBLY LIKE ME A "TRACE"?
DON'T RUSH ME SEE YOURSELF
YOU JUST SAID A "TRACE POWER"...
HMM...?

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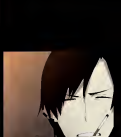
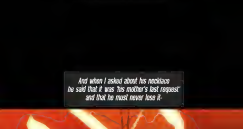
That kid told me his name was 'Shiroi.'



He said that since his birth he lived in an uninhabited forest and just yesterday had walked all the way here.

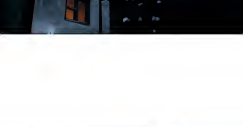
Of course he would be ignorant of trace or anything along those lines.

And when I asked about his residence he said that it was 'his mother's last request' and that he must never lose it.



In reality, that 'request' was really a request to be 'found'.

This is a story from just months ago.


AT LEAST IN THE HOUSE THE GROVE IS SMELL. IT'S NOT A SMELL AND WE CAN SURVIVE SAFELY
OR DEMIS SOMEONE?
YEAH, I THINK SHE JUST HELL AROUND

HEY, TAMER!
?

I HEARD THAT THE ECHOVENAME IS TAKING ALL THE TAMERS.
SO WHY ARE THEY NOT COMING FOR US?

THAT'S FOR WHEN THEY FIND OUT THAT WE ARE TAMERS
BANG
THAT WE ARE TAMERS
NOBODY KNOWS ANYWAY!

WHY DO YOU THINK I BROUGHT YOU OUT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE?
Tap
OKAY, LOOK. THIS.

IT'S BIG, RIGHT?
IN THIS ONE WORLD, WE ARE ONLY A LITTLE BIT OF A COUNTRY, EVEN SMOOSH UP ON A MAP.
IT'S A PLACE THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLES. LET ALONE TAMERS.
THERE'S A LOT OF TALK ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT OVERTURNING, BUT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED WITH ONCE A SMALL PLACE LIKE THIS.

HONESTLY, THERE'S NOT THE SECURITY THAT COME BECAUSE WE'RE SMALL.
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES WITH THOSE COLORED EYES AROUND, WE WON'T BE CAUGHT.
MAM.

SO, IT'S NO USE SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
WE DON'T DO MUCH ABOUT THE TROUBLES, BUT I CAN'T FORBID THE TAMER LATCHES ONTO ANOTHER MAN.
A KIDS ONLY PLACE.
WHAT DO THE PEOPLE WHO WATCH WHO DO TO RECEIVE WANT THEM SET.
I have my pride, too.

STICK WORRYING ABOUT STUPID THINGS AND GO TO SLEEP ALREADY.
WHERE WE GO OUT OF MONEY FOR FOOD!
WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME HUSTLIN' TOMORROW
AND HAVE TO MAKE UP MORE.
dp

WHERE WERE YOU?
ROAR
ROAR

THAT'S CRUEL!
IT'S GOOD YOU'LL GROW A BEARD.
MY MUSCLES AREN'T THERE FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT.
...?

...BEATS WITH THAT LOOK.
DON'T YOU EVER WANT TO DO YOUR PECS?
NO THANKS. THAT'S NASTY.
WHAT? YOU'RE RIGHT!
*P.P. SMACK!

BUT I SHOULD AVOID LIES ALONG WITH MUSCLES!?
SOME SELFS DON'T FIT LIKE A GLOVE FOR OTHERS
IT'S UP TO THESE DOCTOR TO DECIDE WHAT'S RIDICULOUS
YOU'RE LUCKY!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CLOTHE IN FRONT OF THE BAD GUY AND THEN YOU LOSE ARE THERE.
TAP TAP
WHAT THE FUCK! I'M ENTRAPPED!
I'M JUST SAYING YOU SHOULD LEARN TO USE YOU POWER CAREFULLY
THROWING OF SEDUCTIVE POSSIBILITIES AND OTHER THINGS ALL AT THE SAME TIME. I'M SAYING TO USE YOUR HEAD.

AND IF YOU SUCCEED IN SEDUCING ANOTHER YOUNG WOMAN, OKAY?
.....

...BECAUSE OF THAT CRUEL INVISIBLE ARMCHANGE OF BEING DISTRESS.
WAH...

DRIP
DRIP

ACHOOO!

Sniffle
.....

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